



*St. Marys Masonic Lodge No. 109
203 Wheeler Street
St. Marys, Georgia 31558*

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George Washington Memorial Service Reenactment

My Brothers and Friends:

I am pleased to announce the continuation of a long-standing tradition in Historic St. Marys, Georgia. St. Marys Masonic Lodge No. 109 will be conducting the reenactment of George Washington's Memorial Service, our nation's first President and Masonic Brother on February 3, 2018.

George Washington died December 14, 1799, but this sad news did not reach St. Marys until February 1, 1800, 49 days later.

George Washington's life continues to teach us valuable lessons of citizenship, leadership, and devotion to duty in an era when there are so few heroes in public life. It remains inspiring to recall Henry Lee, Jr.'s famous phrase from the eulogy of Washington he delivered to the U.S. Congress on Dec. 26, 1799: "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

For this, the citizens of our great country and our Masonic Brothers, honor this great man and hold a memorial burial to commemorate his life.

Though this is a few months from now I hope it will allow enough time for you to add this auspicious event to your calendar. To help with the continuity of this event we have made arrangements with the City of St. Marys to hold this service on the first Saturday of February every year. So, mark your calendars.

Staging for the event will be at St. Marys Lodge at 203 Wheeler Street in St. Marys, Georgia, and the procession will begin at the water front at 1:00 p.m.

This service is open to everyone, bring your spouses, your family, and even your friends to be witness to this humbling occasion to honor our nation's first President.

From all of the Brothers of St. Marys Masonic Lodge #109 in Historic St. Marys Georgia thank you for your time and we look forward to seeing you.

If you have any questions call me at (912) 674-4343

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